# IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at the beginning of the specification.

This application is a 371 of international application PCT/FI2003/000797, which claims priority based on Finnish patent application No. 20021899 filed October 24, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, please insert the following heading:

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention concerns a method according to the preamble of claim 1 for producing a multilayered fiber product comprising a thin base paper, having a grammage of 80 g/m<sup>2</sup> at the most, the method comprising fitting on top of a bottom layer consisting of at least one fiber layer a second fiber layer, which contains a filler and which forms the surface layer of the fiber

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# product.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4, please insert the following heading:

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 4, please insert the following heading:

## OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 11, please insert the following heading:

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specifically, the method according to the invention is mainly characterised by what is stated in the characterizing part of claim 1 characterized in that the layers are formed by using

multilayer technology, and the filler of the surface layer consists at least partially of cellulose or lignocellulose fibrils, on which light-scattering material particles are deposited, the maximum content of which is 85 % of the total weight of the filler.

Before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 16, please insert the following heading:

## ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION

Before the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24, please insert the following heading:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 24, with following rewritten paragraph:

In the following, the invention will be examined more closely with the aid of a detailed description and a number of working examples.

Figure 1a depicts in side view the principle of a two-layer fiber product structure, and Figure 1b shows the structure of a

corresponding four-layer fiber product;

Figure 2 illustrates the smoothness (roughness) of the products in Example 1 with bar charts;

Figure 3 illustrates the corresponding results for air permeability;

In Figure 4, the smoothness (roughness) of the products illustrated in Example 2 has been illustrated with bar charts;

In Figure 5, the corresponding results for air permeability resistance are illustrated; and

In Figure 6 a graphic illustration indicates the air permeability of the fillers as a mineral pigment mathematical function.

Please insert the following header and paragraph before page 6, line 4 (the heading "The filler and the production thereof"):

## DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE INVENTION

In the following, the invention will be examined more closely with the aid of a detailed description and a number of working examples.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Retention agents can be added to the slush e.g. approximately 0.5 to 3 % of the total quantity of the fiber material. However, it has been observed in connection with this invention that the filler described herein provides so good retention that no retention agents are necessarily required in the layer or that the quantity of the retention agents can be significantly decreased. The layered product can be stock or surface sized to improve moisture resistance. If a low quality recycled fiber is used as raw material, it is preferred to use a surface-size press to produce a product with sufficient strength. Depending on the products, the total surface layer weight in relation to the total middle layer(s) weight varies so that it is approximately 20/80 ... 80/20 20/80 to 80/20, typically approximately  $\frac{30/70 - ... }{70/30} \frac{30/70 }{30/70 }$  to  $\frac{70/30}{30}$ . In general, the ratio is approximately  $35:65 \dots 65:35$  35/65 to 65/35. Typically, the grammage of the surface layer is approximately 5 to 125 g/m<sup>2</sup> (see below). When acting according to this invention, the grammage of the surface layer can be decreased by over 10 %, even by 20 % or more, without deteriorating the optical or mechanical properties of the cover.